

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 753

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ron Fox on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Ron Fox is one such estimable person who recently ended his remarkable thirty-seven-year tenure with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) by taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sevier County, Mr. Fox earned his bachelor's degree in Forestry and Wildlife and his master's degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox joined the then-Tennessee Game and Fish Commission in 1972 as a wetlands and waterfowl biologist and was a TWRA Wildlife Management Supervisor from 1975 through 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox served as TWRA Chief of Wildlife from 1979 through 1986 prior to becoming Assistant Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, from 1986 through 2009, Mr. Fox served as Assistant Executive Director of the TWRA, in which position he was responsible for the coordination of field activities, including all wildlife activities of the four TWRA regional offices and the central office programs pertaining to wildlife management, fisheries management, law enforcement, and environmental services; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized as a leader in his field, Mr. Fox is also a member of several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ron Fox exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to career and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, fighting on behalf of Tennessee's natural habitat and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Fox has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and employees alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Ron Fox our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary tenure as Assistant Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.